

Columbia Railway Company Car Barns
(Trinidad Cable Car Barns)
15th Street and Benning Road, NE
Washington
District of Columbia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Columbia Railway Company Car Barns		HABS NO. DC-297
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Trinidad Cable Car Barns		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 15th Street and Benning Road, NE		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1895	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Columbia Railway Line served H Street and connected with the eastern toll gate of the Columbia Turnpike at 15th and H Streets. Originally a horse car line, it was converted to cable car 1895-1899, thus making it the last cable railway in the U.S.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2 sections, each 1½ stories; one section has hipped roof with dormers and low central tower, entrance flanked by subsidiary towers; other section has gable roof; low square towers on corners of both sections.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE One section has large arched windows; other section has corbeled cornice, arched windows flanked by pilasters		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Converted to electric conduit line in 1899. Converted to bus garage in 1942. Demolished in 1971.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District Of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u>		
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